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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF INTOURIST REPRESENTATIVES

REFS: (A) STATE 144663, (B) STATE 107451

1. E/C COUNSELOR BRIEFED AMEXCO REPRESENTATIVE ROGER SCHMIDT ON JUNE 22 ON DECISION BY DEPARTMENT NOT TO PERMIT DZHASHI TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. SCHMIDT PLANS TO DEPART SOVIET UNION ABOUT JULY 28. ON JUNE 20 HE WROTE TO INTOURIST PROTOCOL CHIEF SIMCHENKO TO REQUEST INTOURIST PROVIDE LODGING AND SUPPORT TOURIST VISA APPLICATION OF ANTHONY TEDESCO, SCHMIDT'S DESIGNATED SUCCESSOR, WHO PLANS TO VISIT USSR JULY 10-24 ON GET-ACQUAINTED TRIP. IDEA IS THAT TEDESCO WOULD APPLY FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA WHILE IN USSR AND WOULD RETURN TO RESUME PERMANENT CHARGE OF AMEXCO IN MID-AUGUST. DURING HIATUS SCHMIDT'S DEPUTY, JOHN MARSCHALKO, WOULD BE IN CHARGE. SCHMIDT WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED NOT TO HAVE RECEIVED INTOURIST'S SUPPORT OF VISA APPLICATION ALREADY AND WILL FOLLOW UP IF NO FAVORABLE RESPONSE RECEIVED BY JUNE 24. HE IS NOT SURE WHETHER TEDESCO HAS YET APPLIED FOR VISA AT SOVIET CONSULATE.

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EM CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATION AGAINST AMEXCO FOR ACTION AGAINST DZHASHI, SCHMIDT STATED THAT AFTER TIFF AT BEGINNING OF 1977 ABOUT RENEWAL OF VISAS TO AMEXCO EMPLOYEES, INTOURIST HAD "ASSURED" HIM THAT IT DID NOT ENGAGE IN TIT-FOR-TAG MEASURES. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS RETALIATION, HOWEVER, SUCH AS DENYING HIS SUCCESSOR A TOURIST VISA OR SUBSEQUENTLY DENYING HIM A MULTIPLE ENTRY

VISA, SCHMIDT WOULD RECOMMEND THAT AMEXCO CEASE SUPPORTING THE VISA APPLICATIONS OF INTOURIST OFFICIALS WISHING TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. IN CASE SUCH HYPOTHETICAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD PERSIST, HE WOULD RECOMMEND AMEXCO NEW YORK ASK THAT INTOURIST BE LIMITED TO SAME NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN US AS AMEXCO HAS IN MOSCOW (TWO).

4. SCHMIDT PROMISED TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND TO KEEP US INFORMED AS TO STATUS OF HIS DESIGNATED-SUCCESSOR'S VISA APPLICATION.
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